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SUBJECT: VISIT OF CYPRIOT "ENLIGHTENMENT MISSION"

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1. CYPRIOT "ENLIGHTENMENT MISSION," CONSISTING OF ANDREOS ZIARTIDES AND LEANDROS ZACHARIADES, IS CURRENTLY IN ITALY DRUMMING UP SUPPORT FOR THE CYPRUS CAUSE AMONG VARIOUS SECTORS OF ITALIAN POLITICAL LIFE. AT A MEETING WITH PRESS REPRESENTATIVES SEPTEMBER 24, PAIR REPORTEDLY TOLD ASSEMBLED CORRESPONDENTS THAT DURING A MEETING WITH MFA SECRETARY GENERAL ROBERTO GAJA ON SEPTEMBER 23 THEY OFFICIALLY REQUESTED THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO INTERVENE IN SEEKING A RESOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS CRISIS.

2. MFA CYPRIOT DESK OFFICER TOLD EMBOFFS SEPTEMBER 25 THAT PRESS COVERAGE DISTORTED ACTUAL NATURE OF MISSION'S MEETING

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WITH GAJA. THE MEMORANDUM, WHICH THE PAIR LEFT WITH HIM,

MERELY REQUESTED ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR THE GREEK CYPRIOT STANCE ON MEASURES NEEDED TO RESOLVE THE CRISIS. THE MEMORANDUM REPEATED THE STANDARD CYPRIOT POSITIONS ON TURKISH AGGRESSION BEING AT THE CORE OF THE CRISIS, THE NEED FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS FROM CYPRUS, THE RETURN OF ALL REFUGEES TO THEIR FORMER RESIDENCES, TURKISH SEIZURE OF 70 PERCENT OF THE ISLAND'S ECONOMIC RESOURCES WHILE THE TURKS REPRESENT LESS THAN 20 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION, AND THE NEED TO PREVENT THE RESETTLEMENT OF TURKS FROM THE MAINLAND TO THE TURKISH OCCUPIED AREAS OF CYPRUS.

3. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, ZIARTIDES PAID A CALL ON COMMUNIST TRADE UNION LEADER LUCIANO LAMA. MFA OFFICIAL ALSO EXPECTED PAIR TO MAKE CALLS ON SOME PARLIAMENTARIANS PRIOR TO DEPARTING FOR TURIN AND MILAN. MISSION IS THEN SCHEDULED TO PROCEED TO VIENNA. BEAUDRY

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